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Spongedown from fire crew

FIREFIGHTERS will be getting their hoses out for charity on Saturday.

But the crew at Broughton Fire Station won't be tackling fires – they will be taking on the dirt on drivers' cars.

This weekend they will have sponges at the ready to raise money for The National Fire Fighters Charity as they wash cars from 10am to 2pm.

They will also be giving out advice on speeding, tyre tread depth, children's road safety and fitting child car seats to visitors.

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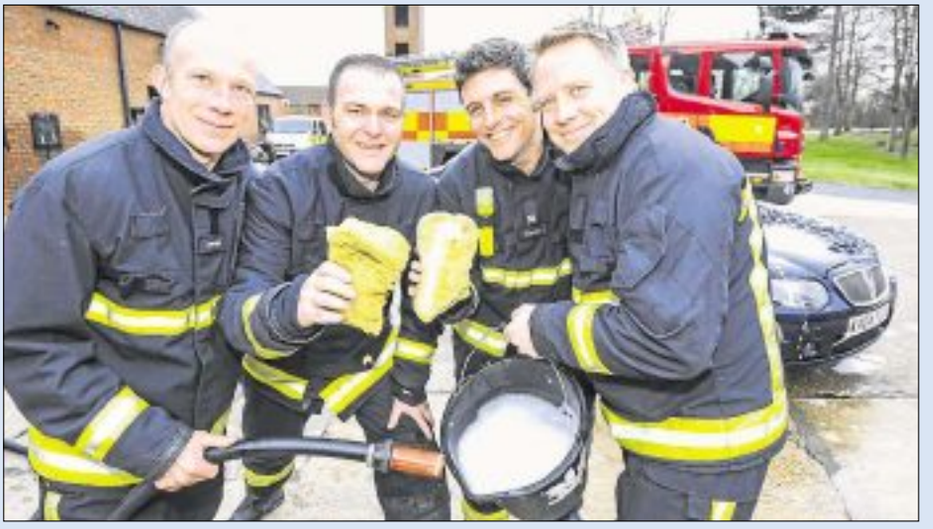

Bank robber penned

Jail term for suit and tie raider who pretended a marker pen was a knife

Robber: Ryan Fuller caught on CCTV

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A POLITE bank raider who planned his crime while sitting in the back of a taxi was jailed yesterday.

Armed with a marker pen, dark-suited Ryan Fuller told staff at the NatWest branch he had a knife and threatened to take hostages if they did not co-operate. The terrified cashier activated the silent alarm before passing smiling Fuller the £3,379 he demanded.

The 24-year-old then fled the bank in Napier Street, Bletchley, in the same taxi he hired to take him there before making his way to the Channel Islands, where detectives eventually caught him.

When he was brought back he pleaded guilty to one count of robbery in relation to the raid, which happened on January 12.

Appearing via video link from HMP Woodhill bespectacled Fuller was jailed for 21 months at Amersham Crown Court.

Sentencing him, Mr Recorder Andrew Wright said the attack had a lasting impact on the cashier 'hitting her pretty hard' and agreed it had not been a 'professionally planned' robbery.

The court was told that Fuller, of no fixed abode, had recently lost his business, putting him in financial trouble and on the day of the robbery his brother told him he could no longer live where he was staying.

John Lamb, mitigating, said it was this announcement that sowed the seed for the raid that happened shortly after, with Fuller hoping to get money for accommodation.

He added it was probably less than an hour before the robbery that Fuller decided to do it.

He got a taxi to pick him up from a McDonald's in MK and asked the driver to stop in Napier Street so he could pick something up. Wearing a suit and tie, he then went into the bank and after initially telling the cashier he wanted to pay in a cheque, he produced a note he had written in the taxi, saying: "Remain calm, stay silent, do not cause a panic. I have a knife and I will take hostages if I have to. This is not a joke."

Mr Lamb said Fuller had apologised for the stress his 'opportunistic' actions had caused the cashier and that his actions were out of character for a man with no previous convictions.

Fuller will be released from prison on licence after serving half of his sentence.

Footloose pair take on the world

TWO girls will dance alongside the top five per cent of Irish dancers in the world on Monday. Niamh Taylor, 13, from Bletchley, and Jodie Clark, 14, from Woburn Sands, will be competing in the World Irish Dancing Championships in Montreal, Canada. The pair will be representing Herlihy School of Irish Dance in Bletchley and are 'excited but also nervous' about the big trip.

Read more, including how they get on, at www.mkweb.co.uk

Whistleblower still hasn't found work

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A WHISTLEBLOWER who was sacked from his job as a bridge inspector has said he believes his actions have prevented him from getting another job.

George Harlock worked for Mouchel, a private firm who carried out bridge repairs for Milton Keynes Council.

But he was sacked from his role in 2011 after sending a report to the council detailing safety defects in many of the bridges across the city – after Mouchel had failed to act upon his concerns.

His actions triggered an audit report which led to the council pulling out of its deal with Mouchel.

Mr Harlock recently featured in a BBC report on why people choose to whistleblow, after his unsavoury experience at the beginning of the decade.

But five years after taking the decision to whistleblow, and four years after losing his job, Mr Harlock has said he doesn't regret the decision, despite him feeling it has cost him getting a job ever since.

Mr Harlock, who lives in Woolstone, said: "I would do it all again as it was the professional thing to do and the right thing to do – even though it has all been very detrimental to me since I did it. I ended up having depression and suffering with stress, it took a lot out of me."

An employment tribunal in February 2013 eventually ruled in favour of Mr Harlock, who claimed he had been sacked while Mouchel insisted that he had been made redundant.

But the process Mouchel went through was labelled 'a sham' by Employment Judge Val Adamson.

The episode spawned a discussion on the protection given to whistleblowers, given that Mr Harlock had told the tribunal he had been 'suicidal on occasions'.

Mr Harlock said: "I have had years of being ignored for jobs and I had to resort to running a murder mystery party and charging my own friends just to pay off the mortgage.

"Who is going to employ a 64-year-old whistleblower whose name is in the public domain? I'm still recovering from it five years later.

"When I do recover I will have to go back to self-employment, but there isn't anything for me really."

Abandoned car costs woman more than £1,000

A WOMAN has been ordered to pay fines and legal costs of more than £1,000 for leaving a car behind after she moved home.

Halima Hussein, 42, of Kite Hill, Eaglestone, was convicted of abandoning a vehicle in her absence by Milton Keynes magistrates on Friday and was fined £400.

She was also ordered to pay Milton Keynes Council's legal costs of £668.88, plus £225 compensation to cover the costs for removing and destroying the car.

In July 2014, enforcement officers from the council's Environmental Crime Unit attended a report of an abandoned Honda Civic parked outside an address in Perivale, Monkston.

The car had no tax, a flat tyre and weeds were growing up around it.

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I'm Lovin it: After meeting under the golden arches Paul and Sandra have never been happier

Burger bride is relishing future

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A FAST food worker has told MK NEWS that McDonald's saved her life as she prepares for her wedding day today.

Sandra Geeves attempted to commit suicide when her former marriage of seven years was falling apart.

She thought her life couldn't get any worse, so she decided to take a job at McDonald's in Portway to get some income.

"I had gone 18 months without a job," she said.

"I heard jobs were going at McDonald's and thought I was low of the low anyway."

The 53-year-old, from Hodge Lea, added that she didn't realise how much working at the restaurant would change her life.

After working her way up the ladder to become a customer services manager, Sandra met fiancé Paul Cane at the restaurant, where he has been chatting to her for four years.

Paul, known by the staff as Porridge Paul, went to the store nearly every day for his porridge breakfast and a lunchtime chicken wrap.

He lost nearly six stone during that time, but his real aim was to try and woo Sandra.

The 47-year-old said: "I was drawn to her and not just because of her looks. I was in a relationship at the time but couldn't stop thinking about her. I have been waiting for her for four years."

Sandra admitted she didn't know if she could trust a man again, but soon every time she saw Paul in the queue her 'heart skipped'.

The pair finally started dating in October and on a trip to the North Pole before Christmas, Paul proposed.

The couple are getting married today – with a McDonald's themed cake – and Sandra is being given away at Bletchley Register Office by her former manager Tom Russell.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Nash murder arrests

TWO men aged 25 and 45 have been arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender in a murder case. Adam Fanelli, 35, was found dead at a travellers' site in the village of Nash last Tuesday.

Plans for schools

PLANNING applications have been submitted for two new 630-place primary schools in Oakgrove and Newton Leys. They form part of a council pledge to create 10,000 new school places. Read more on this story online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Man is still missing

POLICE are still trying to locate a missing man they are 'increasingly worried' about. Gary Williams, 43, was last seen at the Travelodge in Shenley Church End at 3.50am on Friday. More details can be found at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

MK Decides. . .
The best burger joint

OVER the weekend our readers cast their votes for the best place for a burger in Milton Keynes.

After a final grilling and to the sound of a 21-bun salute, the runaway winner was Percy's in Crownhill.

With almost 115 votes cast, Percy's picked up a tasty 35.9 per cent of them and was crowned the best place for a burger.

Second was The Gourmet Burger Kitchen, in The Hub, with 14.91 per cent of the vote and third was Lone Star Grill in Church End.

Thomas Dyer, owner of Percy's, was extremely pleased to be announced as the winner in such a strong field.

He said: "It means a lot for the business, it's nice to be recognised.

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Where can we build?

I HAVE read with interest your story about opposition to the Salden Chase development proposals at the recent meeting of West Bletchley Parish Council.

It is accepted that there is both a national and a local housing shortage. And there have been other stories published that make reference to the fact that house prices are soaring in MK – a sure sign that demand is outstripping supply.

Milton Keynes Council's recently published Site Allocations Plan is also coming under fire for proposing in-fill developments on some of the city's open spaces. And here we have opposition to a proposed development on the edge of Milton Keynes.

So if the demand is there and there is opposition to building within the current city boundary and opposition to building on the edge of the city – just where are the needed new houses going to be built?

I also recall not too long ago criticism that the promise made to the early residents of MK that there would be affordable housing for the next generation wasn't being kept.

I am not saying that the proposals for Salden Chase are without faults and that there shouldn't be robust discussions related to traffic and access to health, education and other facilities, or that the residents of Newton Longville aren't right to be concerned that their village could be swallowed up and should be protected by a 'green belt'.

But if the out-and-out opposition to development such as this is widely supported I would just ask again, where should the houses we clearly need be built?

If people of my parents' generation had held similar views, many of the people protesting about this development wouldn't be living in the houses they are living in now – because they wouldn't have been built!

Paul Griffiths
Bettys Close
Newton Longville

Get snapping to win a prize

Will Humphries shone a new light on The Beacon at Campbell Park in this picture. He wins an MK Monopoly Board in our Amazing Milton Keynes photography competition. Keep your best shots coming in for the chance to be a winner.

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Stick them in stocks

CAN I suggest what should be done with the wood from the oak tree in CMK?

I think it should be made into stocks and whoever it was that rubber-stamped the idea to put a magnificent oak tree that was hundreds of years old into a totally inappropriate environment should be marched there, put into said stocks and pelted by the local population with whatever rotten fruit and vegetables they can get their hands on. Any left over wood could be carved into an adjoining gibbet as a warning for the next person that comes up with an equally stupid idea.

Liz Green.
Springfield

Good local journalism

I'M A sub editor on a national newspaper living in MK and have just finished reading last week's paper. I just wanted to say 'well done' to the editor and the team for the underpass investigation – a local interest matter covered so well across all platforms. They say local newspapers are dying, but you've proved how vital they are to the people of MK this week.

More of the same please and keep up the excellent work.

John Corney
Sent via email

See underpass story – page 15

Roundabout bad move

I FEEL that any plan to get rid of roundabouts would be a retrograde step and detrimental to free flowing traffic (*Will roundabouts face scrapheap?, MK NEWS, March 18*).

Traffic lights cause disruption when installing and have running and maintenance costs. They are dangerous as people chance jumping the red light and there is a build up of exhaust pollution while waiting for them to change.

Intelligent lights are rarely installed and traffic is held up while waiting, when there are no other vehicles in sight.

Tricia Woughton, sent via email

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Intu changes ought to make it more inviting

THERE'S a lot of controversy about the proposed changes to Midsummer Place in Central Milton Keynes.

Now inexplicably referred to as 'intu', big plans include a new boutique cinema – which will be quite an interesting addition to the centre, although it will face tough competition from Cineworld, an improved food court, new shops and a whole new level.

Currently, the main concourse is uninviting, particularly in winter when it's freezing cold. The present design deliberately resembles the concourse of a passenger terminus. The plan was that one day a super-smooth monorail or tram system would be whisking passengers up from the station and beyond. Of course we all knew THAT wouldn't happen.

It's difficult to see from the plans if the sides and gaps will be closed, meaning a more pleasing environment for shoppers, and particularly for people who will be eating in the new food court. I say 'new' food court, but just expect more Pret, Starbucks, Costa and probably another Nando's and Pizza Express.

When the centre:mk first opened in 1979, there were no doors on the building, effectively turning it into a giant wind tunnel. There was a right old fuss when the decision was made to put doors on, and no doubt people will be making a fuss about the new plans for Midsummer Place.

Personally, I think it needs improving and certainly protecting from the elements. However, having viewed the 3D animation of the improvements, some of it looks a little claustrophobic. It's a shame about the oak tree, though. Perhaps a water feature might enhance that area and maintain a feeling of openness.

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Choir lift up their voices

Hundreds of singers made themselves vocal on Saturday when eight Rock Chorus choirs met at The Venue, Milton Keynes. Their performance featured everything from classic rock to pop songs.

Bailed driver is off on his hols

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AN HGV driver arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, after a seven-year-old boy died, is going on holiday after being released on police bail, MK NEWS understands.

Officers have refused to confirm or deny whether the 33-year-old from Bletchley, who has been a lorry driver for a number of years, has been given permission to attend a family wedding in Egypt today after he was involved in a crash on the A4146 Stoke Hammond bypass on Friday.

The boy was a passenger in a Toyota RAV 4 when the crash happened at about 2.17pm on Friday, near the junction with the B4032 Leighton Road.

He died at the scene and three people were taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford with serious injuries. At the time of going to press one woman was still in a critical condition.

A source close to the lorry driver's family, who did not want to be identified, said: "I'm shocked that the police have allowed him to go to Egypt while on bail.

"If something like that happened to one of my children I would be fuming that someone involved was flying off on holiday. The poor little boy's family must be devastated."

The lorry driver has been released on bail until May 23 while further investigations are carried out.

Investigating officer PC Sandra Terry said: "This is a very sad case where a young boy has lost his life.

"We are in the process of investigating the circumstances which led to these tragic consequences and so would urge anyone who was in the area before this time and saw the incident itself, or who had seen either vehicle prior to the collision, to please contact us as a matter of urgency."

Contact PC Terry on 101.

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Salden Chase debate

MILTON Keynes Council will discuss tonight whether to support a motion to oppose the controversial 'Salden Chase' development for 1,800 homes near Bletchley. Find more online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Step closer to uni

A DEAL for UCMK to move into council offices at Saxon Court has moved the city 'a step closer' to a full-time university. More comments online at **mkweb.co.uk**.

Plus Tate for Gallery

MK GALLERY has become a Plus Tate institution – meaning it will join with the Tate to exchange ideas collections.

Canal boy fighting for life

A YOUNG boy is in a life-threatening condition after he fell in The Grand Union Canal in Water Eaton, Bletchley.

South Central Ambulance Service was called to the canal at 6.19pm on Monday after the boy was pulled from the water.

One crew and a rapid response vehicle attended and the boy, who is believed to be about four years old, is being treated at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Police confirmed they also attended the scene.

Petition against new nightclub

RESIDENTS in Wolverton have expressed their concerns over plans for a new nightclub, Purple Spice, to be opened in the Agora Shopping Centre in Church Street.

The application asks for permission to play live and recorded music seven days a week – Monday-Thursday, noon to 11pm, and Friday-Saturday, noon to 1.30am.

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A petition has been set up by residents against the plans, which has so far been signed by 83 people.

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'Alarming' silence at lack of GP

A COUNCILLOR is concerned at the 'alarming silence' over plans for a doctor's surgery to serve 22,000 people in the new Brooklands development.

A site had originally been earmarked in neighbouring Salford Road – but despite houses being built, the fact there has been no movement on plans for the surgery is concerning ward councillor John Bint.

He told MK NEWS: "There are no plans for a GP centre, and a resonating silence eventually becomes alarming."

He is particularly concerned that the only surgeries in operation on the eastern flank of the city – Milton Keynes Village and Broughton Gate – are already under pressure.

He said: "When you add that picture to a deeply unsatisfactory status quo for the people already on the eastern flank, and you have more housing arriving and no sign of progress on the surgery, then it isn't good."

Read more on this story at www.mkweb.co.uk/news

Concern: Cllr John Bint at the spot in Brooklands that has been earmarked for a GP surgery but there has been no progress

Too much food, fags and booze

BY JAMES AVERILL
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LIFE expectancy in MK is six months shorter than the national average – because we're eating, drinking and smoking too much.

Statistics shown within a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Milton Keynes Council reveal the extent of the health issues in the city.

Wards with the lowest life expectancy for both men and women are Woughton and Eaton Manor, followed by Wolverton for men and Walton Park for women.

Cllr Nigel Long, who is chairman of the council's health and wellbeing board, admits it's a tough challenge to overcome the obesity and lifestyle choices.

His ideas include 'learning from the past' and bringing back a street service offering fruit and vegetables, extending free swimming to children across the city and targeting schools to spread anti-smoking message.

Cllr Long told MK NEWS: "I think we have fallen short on promoting the message of a healthy lifestyle in recent years, we've gone off the boil.

"I think promoting that message and making it a community focus through parish councils may be a better route than previous efforts.

"We have done piloting in Bletchley and one our main concerns was that access to fresh fruit and vegetables in areas such as the Lakes Estate was poor – the supermarkets weren't selling it.

"We need to possibly learn from the past and for the council to explore bringing a customer service for fruit and vegetables to the streets."

Cllr Long admitted he was 'amazed' at the number of people smoking – and said this was due to the city being 'younger' and the image of smoking being 'sexy'.

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- An estimated 19 per cent of adults in MK are current smokers.
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- There are around 3,300 dependent drinkers in Milton Keynes.
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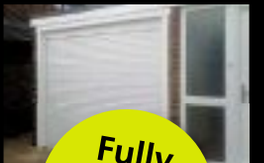

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On trial: Students learn how the justice system works

Pupils put court system on trial

SCHOOLS from across Milton Keynes took part in a mock trial competition at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court.

Teams from Stantonbury Campus, Milton Keynes Academy, Walton High and Oakgrove and Denbigh schools visited the court to find out more about the justice system. Students took on the roles of defendants, prosecution and defence solicitors and magistrates.

Bed blocking at an all-time high

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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DELAYS in discharging patients from hospital reached an all-time high in January.

The delays meant that for 1,035 days people were in hospital beds when they didn't need to be including many elderly patients. Milton Keynes Hospital (MKH) admitted the increase, which was largely down to the time it took to arrange social care, caused 78 operations to be cancelled. Based on NHS calculations this cost MKH about £280,000.

Andrew Pakes, Labour's parliamentary candidate for MK South, said: "Despite the amazing work of NHS staff, MKH has been struggling to deal with extra demand on A&E services."

The hospital agreed that many elderly people are finding themselves stuck in hospital as they wait for care support.

Mr Pakes added: "We need to give the NHS time to care with greater investment in MKH and better social care to help more elderly people."

A hospital spokesman said: "In January, 78 out of 1,924 operations were cancelled on the day of admission. This was because of increased emergency admissions and increased numbers of delayed discharges. Like other NHS hospitals, we care for many elderly, who are medically fit but who are unable to leave until appropriate social care arrangements have been made."

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Row over green spaces heats up

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A COUNCILLOR has criticised 'nonsense' plans by Milton Keynes Council to identify 160 further small green spaces for potential housing.

Conservative councillor Peter McDonald has been scathing about the Sites Allocation Plans, which originally earmarked up to 40 council-owned sites for potential housing.

But he claims there have been another 160 sites earmarked that have yet to be included for consultation.

They include a play park in Woolstone between Butterfield Close and Wilford Close.

Cllr McDonald gathered there with residents yesterday to protest against the plans.

He said: "I hope people support us in getting this nonsense stopped."

Linda Inoki, who is part of pressure group Xplain, said: "The council has seen a 'dash for cash' from the sale of parks fundamental to the happiness of residents."

What did the council decide? Find out at mkweb.co.uk/news

Save our spaces: Residents gather at a play park in Woolstone to protest against the possibility of housing on the site

Nicky Cooper, a Woolstone resident who lives in Pattison Lane, said: "We were quite shocked and it's ridiculous that this area could ever be built on. My children would be gutted."

Mick Legg, cabinet member for the public realm, said: "These claims are scaremongering nonsense. If plans do come forward for plots they would be looked at on a case by case basis involving the community."

Lib Dem councillor Ric Brackenbury has asked for Labour to withdraw the plans at a council meeting tonight.

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College is first to build aircraft

BY JAMES AVERILL
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ENGINEERING students at Milton Keynes College have started a two-year project to be the first in Europe to build a full-sized light aircraft.

The kit was offered to the students by local businessman David Stubbs, who says he wanted to get young people involved in the project in memory of his father, who was a skilled welder.

Mark Pears is deputy director for leadership, technology and built environment at the college.

He said: "The students are really throwing themselves into this and we're really grateful to David for giving us the opportunity to build it.

"Constructing an aircraft provides training in so many different engineering skills and it's so exciting for them, knowing that something they have made will one day take to the skies."

The £65,000 machine, a VANS RV7A, will be called The Spirit of Milton Keynes and will have G-SOMK as its call sign. The high-performance engine will make it among the fastest and most powerful types of the model in the world.

Taking off: Work on the Spirit of Milton Keynes is underway

Mr Stubbs said: "I wanted it to inspire young people who may not be the best in the world at exams but who can discover how satisfying and worthwhile it is to do something with their hands.

"I know the students will learn so much from building the aircraft and I can't wait to take them all up in it to experience their work in action.

College principal, Dr Julie Mills, added: "It's so brilliant to see that with Mr Stubbs' really generous help our students are involved in challenging work which fires their imagination and produces something of genuine worth."

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Art attack: Work that was displayed on the underpass in Fishermead

Picture taken by Wendy Grant Photography 2010 for The Verge's Underpass Project

Art to brighten up underpasses

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A COMMUNITY arts project aims to brighten up MK's redways and underpasses in a bid to get more people using them.

After MK NEWS' investigation last week highlighting peoples' reluctance to use the routes, Myriam Metcalf is keen to promote The Underpasses Project, part of On the Verge, a community interest company.

The project director, who has lived in the city for more than 40 years, knows the problems many estates face and was particularly passionate after she saw the state of Conniburrow underpass.

"Conniburrow underpass was in poor condition," she said. "If we improve the underpasses, it will be a more pleasant experience and more will use them."

By working with Milton Keynes Council and getting financial support from organisations, On the Verge hopes to make more of the underpasses through creating murals with local themes.

The 65-year-old added: "We always talk about our good public art in MK, so why don't we use our artists' works where people can appreciate them? Underpasses and redways are a great asset to MK and seeing what other European countries like Holland have done I don't know why we can't do more."

The Underpass Project was started in 2011 with help from groups like MK Gallery.

The council announced yesterday that new LED lighting will be installed in the underpass in Buckingham Road, Bletchley.

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The papers, found in 2013, were frozen to prevent further decay, before being cleaned and repaired.

Paper trail: Documents found at Bletchley Park. Inset, Alan Turing

'Dignified' send off hope for fire victim

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE friend of a woman who died in a house fire is trying to arrange a funeral to retain her 'dignity'.

Kate Morgan was found dead in her farmhouse in School Lane, Loughton, on January 3, but has yet to have a funeral and her body remains in the mortuary.

Kate was a friend and carer for the Rectory Farmhouse owner Rita Price-Jones, who died in October, just a few months before the house burnt down with Kate inside.

Mrs Price-Jones had lived in the property since 1966 and Kate moved in a year later in 1967.

Now Giles Waddington, Mrs Price-Jones' nephew and Kate's friend, wants to see her given a suitable send off.

Giles told MK NEWS: "Kate's remains are still in the mortuary and there isn't an inquest until June 23 and it's not particularly dignified.

"The local authority could do the basics, but I think it would be much better to get something dignified.

"She has no family left and raising £2,500 for a funeral is such a modest amount that it would be a shame not give her a decent send-off."

Kate was a keen dog lover who tended to nearly 100 poodles.

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Dons fun day winner

Barmy Army: Dons fans have a look at the ammo at the army reserves display at stadiummk

BY ANDY HANDLEY
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THOUSANDS of fans enjoyed the family fun day at MK Dons on Saturday.

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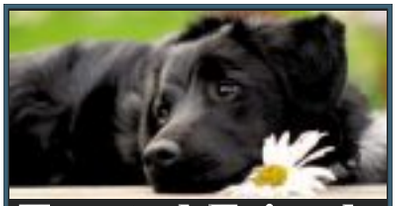

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FLASHBACKMK

Films capture birth of modern day MK

BY SARAH LEE
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THE incredible evolution of Milton Keynes, as captured in documentary films, will be featured at local screenings.

As MK gears up to celebrate its 50th birthday in 2017, residents are invited to join the start of the countdown with screenings of Living Archive films, Milton Keynes Through the Lens.

Historian Roger Kitchen, from Wolverton, has compiled a collection of documentaries made in the Milton Keynes area over the last 70 years.

They chart the changing landscape and stories as the collection of villages becomes the 'city' that is the Milton Keynes we know today.

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Saddled up: Alex Pink, who works at Roy Pink Cycles in Newport Pagnell, is gearing up for the Tweed Rides, which is taking place for the first time in the town this Easter

Penny farthings are ready to roll

BY SARAH LEE
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TWEED Rides, a vintage-style cycling event harking back to a slower but more stylish age, is rolling its way to Milton Keynes this year.

For this event riders are expected to dress in traditional British cycling attire, particularly, as the name implies, tweed.

Any bicycle is acceptable on the Tweed Run, but classic vintage bicycles are encouraged.

Starting from Roy Pink Cycles in St John Street, Newport Pagnell, residents are invited to watch, or maybe take part in, the first ever vintage bicycle ride to be hosted in the town.

The Tweed Ride will take place on Easter Monday (April 6) at 2pm and will see riders dressed in vintage clothing travel for 11 miles on the old railway track to Wolverton and back.

The route will be from Newport Pagnell to Railway Walk, the canal, then through Wolverton to the old velodrome and then back to base for a civilised cup of tea.

Valerie Jayne, who is behind the whole event, said "This is the first race I have organised so I'm not sure how it will turn out.

"Despite this, I have had lots of interest from cycling groups from Northampton and even Nottingham.

"It's aim is to dress up and publicise the joys of stylish cycling for ordinary people, as opposed to lycra-racing 80 mile mega-rides."

HOW TO RUIN YOUR RETIREMENT

I met a potential new client last week at our offices. He had told me prior to the meeting that he had a pension with a transfer value of £116K from a previous employer and that he needed advice on it. From our discussions I understood it was a company money purchase pension scheme. In other words not one of those guaranteed pensions known as final salary schemes that have virtually disappeared unless you continue to work in the public sector. It is only under very exceptional and rare circumstances that you should ever consider switching your pension out of such a good scheme.

When he came to the office I was quickly able to establish that it was in fact a preserved, or frozen, company final salary pension scheme. The gentleman told me his plan was to transfer his pension into a personal pension and then cash it all in when the pension rules change in April 2016 and use the money to pay off a large portion of his mortgage. He is aged 55 and his wife is 60. The government will be changing the pension rules from April next year which will allow people with money purchase pension schemes such as personal pensions to withdraw 100% of the money from their pensions.

Tony Byrne
Financial Planning Director
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I advised him that it wasn't a good idea for the following reasons;

1. He is likely to get a poor transfer value.
2. He will be taxed heavily on the encashment value of his replacement personal pension.
3. He will be left with little pension apart from his state pension.
4. He will pay unnecessary charges as well as professional fees.

My advice to him at our meeting was to keep the pension, tell his wife to increase her working hours from part-time to full-time, to make voluntary overpayment on his interest only mortgage of £300 p.m. which he confirmed was affordable as well as use the extra income earned from his wife to repay the mortgage each month and to use the tax free lump sum from his pension to pay off his mortgage at retirement.

I told him there was nothing more I could do for him.

The next day he rang me and told me that after discussing it with his wife he had decided to transfer his pension into a personal pension and asked me to act for him.

I refused because he had decided to not follow my advice.

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Shopper was 'spat at'

Radio stations tuned in

TWO community radio stations were celebrating on Thursday after securing FM licences from Ofcom.

MKFM and Secklow Sounds have both been granted the licences, which will give them the opportunity to reach wider audiences.

It means that Milton Keynes once again has a local radio presence.

MKFM programme director Chris Gregg said: "MKFM was started with a simple mission – to bring local radio back to Milton Keynes on FM and this is amazing news."

Managing director of Secklow Sounds, Mike Johnson, added: "There is still some way to go until the frequency is allocated and FM transmissions begin, but preparations have started in readiness for the switchover."

Above: The MKFM team celebrates
Below: Secklow's Mike Johnson

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BY JAMES AVERILL
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A NORTH African woman was spat at in a shopping centre in what police have described as a religiously motivated attack.

The victim, a woman in her 20s, was in intu Milton Keynes walking towards the centre:mk at about 6pm last Wednesday.

When she reached the Gap store she was approached by a man and a woman.

The man stood in front of the victim and then spat in her face. He then shouted at members of the public before the pair ran off in the direction of the Holiday Inn hotel.

The man is black, in his mid to late teens, about 5ft 5ins, slim with dark short hair. He was wearing jeans and a jacket.

The woman is mixed race, in her mid to late teens, about 5ft 3ins, slim, with light brown hair up in pony tail.

She was wearing off-white coloured leggings and a silver Puffa-style jacket.

Investigating officer, Sergeant Burrey Muzuva, said: "This assault is believed to be religiously motivated – the victim is of North African origin.

"To spit in someone's face is both deliberate and disgusting."

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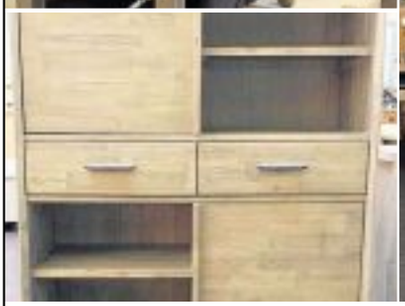

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Antiques roadshow: Princess Diana sitting at the table which is for sale. Above, the ancient water vessel

Antique mystery

British Museum is evaluating ancient water vessel

BY SARAH LEE
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THE British Museum has an antiques business on tenterhooks as it waits for an evalution of what could be a priceless ancient water vessel.

The jug, or ewer, belongs to Milton Keynes Antiques and Architectural Salvage.

Owner Rod Sinfield, who has been in the antiques industry for 50 years, said: "We are currently waiting the Asia department at the British Museum to confirm details of the date of one object. They believe it to be a vessel, or ewer, for transporting water. From the overall shape and the style of decoration they think it comes from the Indian subcontinent."

It is not the only unique article that the shop in Salford has dealt with recently.

"It gets even better," said Mr Sinfield. "We currently have a table that Princess Diana once sat at for sale. She opened the Abbey Centre at the Baptist Church in Northampton on January 30 1987, and she sat at this very table to sign the register. It is currently being sold for £450."

Mr Sinfield started life working on the family farm before moving into construction and then the demolition business.

He eventually handed over the reins of the demolition company to his son so he could concentrate his efforts in the antiques business.

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Show me the honey:

BY SARAH LEE
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MILTON Keynes' Patch Allotment Association, which is buzzing with enthusiasm for beekeeping, is hoping other people will help the environment by taking up the hobby.

The number of residents in the borough donning a beekeeper's protective outfit and looking after their own hives is growing amid dire warnings from scientists about plummeting insect populations.

Smoke screen: Les Burgess calming the bees down

The Patch Allotment Association, situated in Woughton on the Green on land rented from Old Woughton Parish Council, hopes more people will join its growing band of followers from the area.

Bees are some of the hardest working creatures on the planet and because of their laborious work ethic, we owe a debt of thanks to this amazing, yet often under appreciated, insect.

Les Burgess, 70, association chairman, said: "Beekeeping is neither as expensive nor time consuming as some people may be led to think.

"Beekeeping could also play an important role in boosting the area's green credentials, as honey bees are responsible for pollinating many important food crops."

Fellow beekeeper Jean Gates, 69, who keeps a hive in her garden in Tinkers Bridge, added: "You can keep bees in your own garden and, providing they have access to trees and have space to fly around, they should be fine.

"Keeping bees is simple – but you have to be patient. They won't hurt you if you are slow and patient with them.

"Having the right knowledge is also crucial if you're keen to take up beekeeping as a hobby.

"You will also have to devote about an hour or two per hive – about once a week – during the active season."

A typical hive can contain up to 50,000 bees and can produce nearly 70 pounds of honey in a year.

Les added: "The essentials for beekeeping are to have protective clothing, gloves, a smoker and an extractor."

Jean said: "Beekeeping is a fascinating hobby.

"Seeing pollen on a bee's leg is just wonderful and the fact that I'm helping the environment is just an added bonus.

"Bees actually contribute 70-80 per cent of the world's pollination – so it's a really important job. Bees are vital to the world.

"At this time of year, bees will start flying and the Queen Bee will begin laying her eggs. The preparation begins! It's a wonderful time of year."

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Crowd's lucky day for eclipse display

BY JACK ASH
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A BIG crowd of around 1,000 people visited the Open University's (OU) cricket ground on Friday morning to witness the partial solar eclipse.

Professor of astro physics at the OU, Andrew Norton, was on hand to explain the science behind the eclipse.

He said that at one stage he didn't think Milton Keynes would get to witness it.

"I was really not confident," he said.

"I didn't think we were going to see anything, but the sun just began to break through the hazy clouds – we were very lucky and we got a lot better view of it than I thought."

The whole event lasted around an hour starting from 8.30am and Prof Norton explained what people were seeing through their glasses and telescopes.

"What we have seen is a partial solar eclipse where the moon passes in front of the sun from our viewpoint.

Solar sensation: The moon begins to overshadow the sun. Inset: Professor Andrew Norton

"It is due to pure coincidence that the moon is about 400 times smaller than the sun, but is 400 times closer to the earth so in the sky they appear about the same size and every so often the moon can pass in front of the sun and block it out.

"Eclipses like that solar eclipses typically happen once a year somewhere on the earth and you just have to be lucky and be in the shadow and today [Friday] in the UK we were."

Prof Norton revealed that you needed to be in the Faroe Islands to witness a full eclipse on Friday, but he was blown away by the turn out at the OU.

He said: "I got 350 pairs of eclipse glasses and they went within 20 minutes."

Prof Norton, who is also vice president of the Astronomical Society, said the next partial eclipse visible from the UK should be in 2021.

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On Easter Monday, 6 April, the hunt is on for chocolate prizes as Bletchley Park holds the hugely popularEaster Eggstravaganza in partnership with Milton Keynes Suzuki. This special day includes a chance to make your own Enigma, soft play, tours specially for children and families, and an Easter trail around this uniquely historic site.

On Sunday and Monday Milton Keynes Suzuki will be offering visitors the chance to test their codebreaking skills and crack the combination on a locked safe and win a brand new car.

Family Fun Wednesdays make a welcome return on 1 and 8 April, with Ultra and spy workshops, children's tours, craft activities and the Top Secret Room. They will continue every Wednesday throughout the long summer holidays too, with trails, quizzes and special spy and codebreaking workshops. Visit once - normal admission price applies, under-12s are free - then use your Annual Season Ticket to Bletchley Park to return week after week during the school holidays.

Egg-citing events and activities for children

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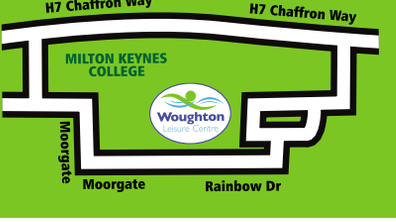

GARLIC AND HERB BUTTER ROAST LAMB WITH CIDER GRAVY

Ingredients

1x 1.3kg/3lb lean whole or carvery lamb leg joint
salt and freshly milled black pepper
for the herb butter
2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped or crushed or 5-10ml/ 1-2tsp garlic puree
100g/ 4oz unsaltedbutter, softened
30 ml/2tbsp freshly chopped flat-leaf parsley
30ml/2bsp freshly chopped chives
15ml/1 tbsp freshly chopped tarragon
for the gravy
15ml/1tbsp plain flour
450ml ¾ pint good, hot lamb stock
150ml ¼ pint sweet cider

Method

Preheat the oven to gas mark 4-5, 180-190c , 350-375f. Then prepare the garlic and herb butter ; in a small bowl mix all the ingredients together. Place the joint on a chopping board, score the skin, season and spread generously all over. Wrap any remaining butter in cling film or foil and freeze for up to 2 months. Place the joint on a rack in a roasting tin and open roast for the preferred, calculated cooking time, basting occasionally with any rich meat juices. Cover with foil if browning to quickly. Remove from the oven; cover and leave to rest on a large plate for 15-20 minutes. Meanwhile, make the gravy; spoon off any excess fat from the roasting tin and discard. Place the roasting tin over a medium eat and sprinkle over the flour. Stir well with a small whisk or spoon, add a little stock and stir again, scraping the base of the pan to release any rich sediment. Add the remaining stock, cider and any meat juices from the plate. Adjust the seasoning if required and simmer for 8-10 minutes, stirring occasionally until reduced to a well-flavoured gravy. Strain before serving. Serve the lamb with seasonal vegetables and the gravy.

Serves 4-6
Preparation time : 10 minutes
Cooking time : medium : 25 minutes per 450g/1lb plus 25 minutes / well done : 30 minutes

Tips : use any remaining herb butter as a topping on a pan-fried or grilled lamb steaks or chops or melted over steamed vegetables.

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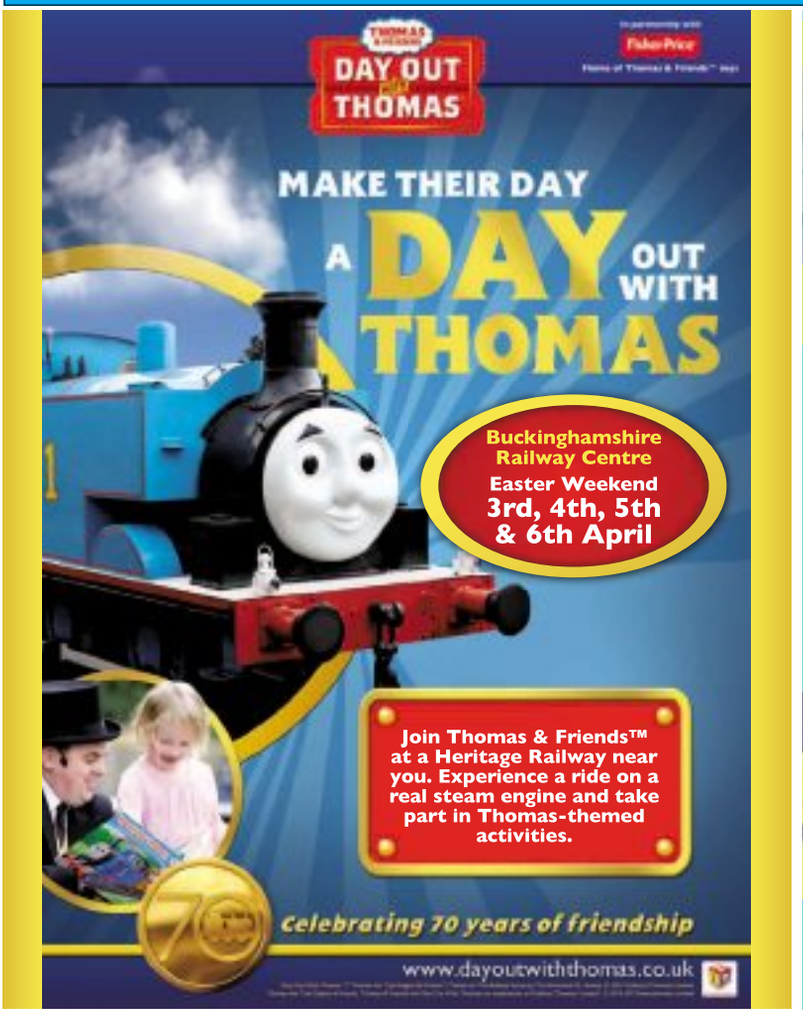

Dr. Martens and Cartoon Network have collaborated to create a limited edition range of boots inspired by the top-rated comedy series Adventure Time. The kids range is now available to buy or order from the Milton Keynes store at 91 Silbury Arcade. The boots are based on two of the series' iconic characters Finn and Jake.

Adventure Time follows the explorations of best friends Finn the human and Jake the shape-shifting dog as they embark on the biggest adventures imaginable through the mythical Land of Ooo. Three products are part of the collaboration range with two styles as a limited edition, with only 1460 pairs created.

Dr.Martens, Milton Keynes also stocks a number of other styles for children, aside from the latest Adventure Time range. They include mini-reproductions of the classic 1460 in a number of eclectic colours, materials and prints. Sandals and soft-leather Mary Jane shoes are also available.

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NICOLETTE 32 petite professional attractive black female looking for similar hardworking white male who like me loves life and is serious about finding a LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415545**

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DONNA 36yrs un-modest but very attractive, nice eyes, good figure, GSOH, OHAC, great job, sick of never meeting Mr Right, looking for someone special. Genuine male please. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415187**

ALISON 27yr old very bored broadminded female with plenty of free time on her hands looking for some adult fun times. Call me, I won't disappoint. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415177**

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TERI separated single lady, blonde, blue eyes, slim, WLTM compatible male for genuine friendship, meals out, weekends away, nights out and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414361**

EMMA slim 5ft 8ins, single employed female with OHAC, enjoys many interests, gym, music, easy-going, genuine, supportive, seeking similar male for a chat, maybe a date. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414957**

JEAN slim blonde divorcee bubbly affectionate, romantic with lots of love to give, looking for man who knows how to look after a lady for meals in/out, friendship/ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414699**

DEBBIE brown eyed attractive social female, romantic, good listener, loves children, looking for similar nice male/dad to get to know, hopefully leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414383**

JANE 48yr old young looking professional female, tall, green eyes, attractive, size 12-14, enjoys walking, keeping active, nights in/out, good wine/conversation, seeking soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414729**

ELAINE 30, fit, sexy, curvy black lady, very feminine, loves wining, dining, nights in, seeks solvent white 40's male who is passionate, loving and caring. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414711**

DAWN 34, petite auburn haired female, size 12, sensitive, loving, affectionate, WLTM similar homely male who will spend lots of quality times with me for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414499**

KAREN 35 petite dark hair/eyed affectionate, caring, lovely female with many interests looking for genuine tlc from loving soul mate, dark haired preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414487**

JULIE good looking 40's female, medium build, size 12, loveable, considerate, OHAC, likes nights in/out, walking, seeking loving male without lots of baggage. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414387**

HELEN 19yr old bubbly female looking for male to take me out and show me a good time. No pressure just fun times, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414223**

JANE mature blonde, enjoys most things in life, adventurous, fun, seeks male, 55 plus, any culture. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414149**

BLUE eyed slim pretty easy going hardworking lady seeking male to put the spark back into my life, must be honest, affectionate, have a GSOH and wont to work at a relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414217**

JANE 29, loves riding and spending time horsing around, seeking non-serious kind of normal guy who enjoys going out having a good time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414205**

KAREN young looking attractive vibrant slim blonde, enjoys to keep fit, beach walks, travel, meals in/out, good conversation with pleasant company, WLTM genuine sincere male. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414203**

MARY tall blonde size 12 lady, nice personality, good conversationalist, varied and open to interests, loves weekends away/holidays, seeking similar male. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414179**

33YR old 6ft blonde ex model who loves to have a good time and enjoy life to the full, looking to meet fun time guy with no hang ups or issues for uncomplicated romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413863**

Men seeking women

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MARK 40, smoker, slightly over weight, seeking female, 35-40 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0907 308 0240 Box No: 416685**

RICHARD, 36yrs, recently widowed with young daughter, seeks motherly lady for committed relationship. **Text Only Box No: 4590838**

ATTRACTIVE guy, solvent, articulate, nice character, seeks lady for adult fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416461**

SIMON, caring widower, 57 seeks single lady who must be genuine. **Text Only Box No: 4646632**

STEWART 47, fit, muscular, looking for no strings adult fun, any age, must be discreet. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416279**

CRAIG 50 seeks likeminded female for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416143**

JOHN seeking slim white lady, any age for fun times in the Reading area. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415935**

ASIAN male, 37, normal build, seeking Indian female for uncomplicated friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411663**

57YR old white gent, seeks lady for LTR. Age/looks/nationality unimportant, must be genuine and sincere. **0906 515 4426 Box No: 411467**

ATTRACTIVE 35yr old male, seeks lady for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409769**

WHITE gent 58, fun, good looking, seeks lady friend, any age. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 353301**

ALEX genuine Scottish male, 53, GSOH, solvent, no ties, seeks female with GSOH for nights in and out. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414441**

54YR old male, likes countryside, animals, meals out, history, DIY, F1, seeking female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414141**

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Men seeking men

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Come and join the team for all the fun in the air as the stunt crew delivers a large dose of chaos and destruction.

Bringing their own spin on things will be the Extreme BMX team, with their bunny hops, barspins, 360s, tailwhips, flairs and, of course, the backflip.

The event will be held at Campbell Park from Wednesday, April 1 to Thursday, April 2 at 7.30pm. For ticket information call 08444 771000, or go to www.ticketweb.co.uk.

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TAYLORS
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IT IS the Easter school holidays until April 10 and if you have booked some time off to spend with the children there's plenty of cracking child-friendly events and activities happening in Milton Keynes. From Easter egg hunts to graffiti classes there's a mixture of free and paid for events. Here MK LIFE takes a look at a selection of activities

Breakfast or tea with the Easter bunny
Hop over to Wyevale Garden Centre in Woburn Sands for an egg-cellent breakfast or tea with the Easter bunny.

There will be activities like biscuit decorating and Lindt chocolate and a cuddly toy for the kids to take home. Breakfast or tea is also included.

And of course the highlight of the day will be meeting the Easter bunny and getting the opportunity to have a one-on-one chat with him.

The event takes place each day until April 5. For more information and ticket prices visit www.wyevalegarden centres.co.uk or call 0844 288 5051.

Egg decorating
Frosts is inviting children to decorate their very own Easter egg.

The fun starts with an Easter bunny hunt all around the garden centre in Woburn Sands.

After that children can get stuck in to decorating their own chocolate egg with delicious sweets – the difficult part will be making sure they don't eat it until Easter Sunday.

Tickets cost £5.99 per child, which includes a chocolate egg, sweets for decoration, an Easter activity sheet and a glass of squash. The activity last approximately 25 minutes and children must be accompanied by an adult. To book tickets to the event, taking place from Saturday until April 4 between 10am and 4pm, visit www.frostsgroup.com or call 0800 954 9484.

Youth club
During the half-term holidays the Buszy youth club in Elder Gate will have plenty of events and sessions for children aged between eight and 14 years old.

There will be cookery classes, graffiti sessions, arts and crafts, clothes customising and dance lessons. The centre will be open every day except bank holidays.

To book places and get information on prices and times, visit www.thebuszy.com

Easter Sunday lunch with jazz
Unwind with a leisurely Sunday lunch with family and friends at Whittlebury Hall.

Enjoy a three-course carvery-style buffet, while listening to live entertainment from a jazz band. It costs £23.95 per adult, £12.95 for children up to 12 years old and children under three eat free. Call 0845 400 1406 to book.

Gallery workshops
Anyone seeking alternative ideas for keeping their children entertained and creatively occupied this Easter need look no further than MK Gallery's holiday and regular workshops.

The ever-popular Start the Art sessions for under fives and Mini Makers for over fives continue throughout Easter.

These artist-led creative sessions are free, but places are limited so they must be pre-booked via the gallery's website. Tuesday Start the Art sessions run from 11am-noon.

On Tuesday activities for toddlers include making bright and colourful sun catchers and on April 7 there will be an Easter inspired 'Arty Party' and Easter egg hunt.

Saturday Mini Makers sessions run from 1-2pm and 2-3pm.

On Saturday children can work with Codasign to make a light-up badge to take home, using conductive thread, LEDs and felt.

On April 4 artist Sophie Bennett, inspired by the gallery's Ellen Altfest painting exhibition, will be helping children see the beauty in the textures and surfaces of everyday objects via magnification.

On April 11 artist Veronica Cocca will show children how to use oil pastels and fruit to make weird and wonderful self-portraits.

Places are limited so tickets must be pre-booked via the gallery's website at www.mkgallery.org

Family Easter egg hunt
Seek out all things oval and chocolatey at the Community Orchard in Wolverton (behind Western Road, at the top of Anson Road) on Sunday, April 5 from 2pm until 5pm.

There is free entry to the hunt, with games and races. Refreshments will be served from the Victorian railway carriage. Entry is free. Call Dianne on 01908 326800 for more details.

Spy workshops and codebreaking
There will be activities every day throughout the half-term holidays at Bletchley Park, including spy workshops, codebreaking activities and family guided tours.

On April 6 there will be an Easter extravaganza with fun for all the family, including a 'make your own enigma machine' workshop.

For information on times visit www.bletchleypark.org.uk

Easter eggstravaganza
There will be egg hunts with yummy treats and prizes in store for little ones at Milton Keynes Museum.

There will be hunts on April 3 and 6. All the usual attractions will also be available to have a nose around, including the living museum and the hands-on connected Earth. For more details call the museum on 01908 316222.

epicsounds

THEIR debut EP, Primordial Audio Chronicle: Volume One, captures the essence of why so many fans love Dorje's sound.

Their music delivers a punch that can only be matched by seeing them live, and it just so happens they'll be performing at The Craufurd Arms on Saturday.

Primordial Audio Chronicle: Volume One reveals different sides of musical understanding and expression – the drums give a solid yet subtly complex foundation, while the bass grooves and growls.

The four-piece band have developed a unique approach to the way they work. Harnessing the power of social media to reach a wider fan base, they have been able to extend their musical reach all over the world.

Earning praise from fans across the globe they are always working towards the next step in creating their bold and unique style.

While they are a relatively new band, Dorje are already making waves, blending a musical passion reminiscent of classic bands from the golden age of rock with a modern twist.

Tickets for the Dorje concert can be bought online for £12.50 at www.cruafurdarms.com. The gig begins at 7.30pm.

ghostbusters

FOLLOWING spooky reports of audience members spotting ghosts and ghouls in Milton Keynes Theatre we can now reveal it was in fact a hoax.

The real ghost haunting people at the theatre are performing in The Woman in Black, a play sending a shiver down everyone's spine.

The production first opened in London in 1989 and has gone on to tour all across the globe.

Now, it's time to see if Milton Keynes is brave enough with the play hitting the theatre until Saturday.

Susan Hill's horror novella was adapted for stage almost a quarter of a century ago and has not lost an ounce of its scare factor since then.

The story is of Arthur Kipps (Malcom James), a lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a 'Woman in Black'.

He engages a young actor (Matt Connor) to help him tell his story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. It begins innocently enough, but as they reach further into his darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds.

Call 0844 871 7652, or visit atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes for tickets. Prices range from £17.50 to £27.

brilliantbuffet

HEAD over to Red Hot buffet in the theatre district if you fancy taking a mini food holiday, sampling different global cuisines.

This has to be one of the best decorated restaurants I have ever eaten in.

Chinese style pedal bikes, fairy lights from a German Christmas market and an icecream stall that would look at home on the streets of Venice all help to set the cosmopolitan atmosphere.

The new teppanyaki station builds on that idea of exciting the senses by bringing what is usually hidden away in a kitchen right before your eyes, giving you the opportunity to sample as much as you want.

Everything about it brings cooking alive – the heat coming off the pan, the food being tended too and flipped in front of your face and the smells wandering your way all making dinner out that little more exciting.

The food itself is delicious – with so many flavours to choose from you might expect them to fall down at some point.

Whether I was lucky, or everyone was having a good night, everything I had tasted great from the steak, to the Indian selection and the teppanyaki and, finally, the dessert.

Jack Ash

SPRING flowering bulbs will now be coming to the end.

Pinch off old flower heads and seed pod so that any energy the bulb produces goes back into the bulb for next year's flowering.

Alpine gardens can be top dressed with fresh grit to keep the plants freely drained during the growing season and retain some moisture in the soil.

Evergreens are best moved/planted during April, however, it is important to avoid areas where the ground is waterlogged.

Putting a mulch on the soil (mulch is manure, bark, compost, leaf mould and gravel) to a depth of 2-3" inches (5-8cm) will prevent annual weed growth, retain moisture in the soil for the summer months and, in some cases, help improve the soil.

Particular attention needs to be paid where you have rhododendrons, camellia or azalea, as their flowering next spring can be impaired if they dry out in the summer.

It is not too late to prune back hard smoke bush (cotinus) and elder varieties (sambucus) to give you a strong plant with large fresh foliage.

Any of your spring-flowering shrubs such as forsythia and chaenomeles should be cut back as soon as they have completely finished flowering.

It is now time to sow or repair your lawns as they start growing – established lawns can also be fed now with a high nitrogen fertiliser to promote growth.

AS SPRING bulbs begin to fade, it is time for gardeners to turn their attentions to cutting back shrubs, feeding lawns and applying mulch. James Frost from Frosts Garden Centre, Woburn Sands, provides some seasonal tips.

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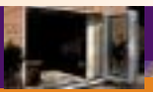
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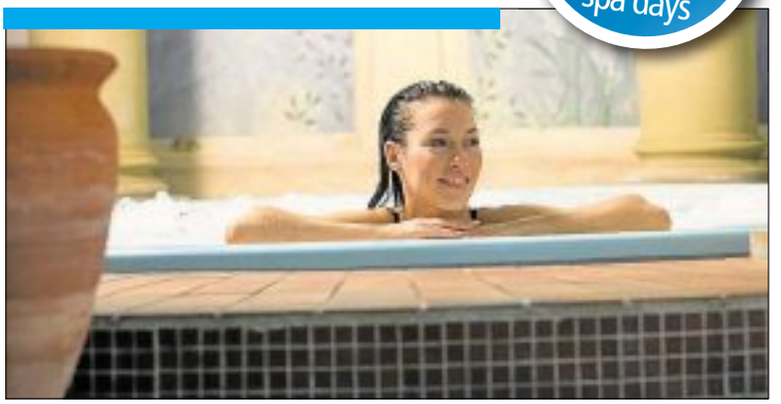

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A) 3 B) 13 C) 23 D) 33

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To enter visit mkweb.co.uk/competitions. Alternatively, send your name, address and daytime phone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by April 1. The editor's decision is final.

homehelp

THE Lifestyle Show returns to Middleton Hall at the centre:mk this weekend for four days dedicated to helping you enhance your home.

Now in its 17th successful year, this great biannual event hopes to blow away the winter blues with a cornucopia of colour in the show that caters for all tastes and styles, from castle to cave, barn to bungalow, crash-pad to cottage.

There's lots of new and innovative ways to get yourself a better lifestyle this springtime, whether you need a luxury lounge, a soak in a spa, a creative kitchen or a beautiful bathroom.

Maybe your bedroom needs beefing up with a more decorative design. You can get to grips with your garden from full landscaping to simple ornaments. And for finishing touches, there are all sorts of decorative items, wood and glass, for indoors and out.

Exhibitors include those who provide beds, bedroom designing, conservatory design and build, garage doors, garden furniture and ornaments, hand-carved wooden products, and hydropools.

The show will take place on Thursday and Friday, 9.30am to 8pm, Saturday, 9am to 6pm, and Sunday, 10.30am to 5pm.

filmreview

SEAN Penn stars in this latest clichéd misfire from the over 50s action hero genre.

Audiences seem to be growing tired of ageing actors playing gun-toting action heroes, but that hasn't stopped Penn signing up to this latest attempt to revive the genre from Taken director Pierre Morel.

But with a predictable plot and sloppy writing, The Gunman ends up being a feeble Taken knock-off that completely misses its target.

Penn stars as ageing sniper Jim Terrier, who took out an important figure in the Congo years earlier before going into hiding. The film follows him as he returns to the Congo where, you guessed it, he's now the target.

But what should be spectacular shoot outs, daring action and tense near misses are let down by weak writing and gaping plot holes, which is a shame considering Penn's acting pedigree.

Morel trots out his usual action ploys and fails to deliver anything new. Frankly is you swapped Penn for Neeson would anyone notice?

It's unlikely that The Gunman will catapult Penn into the action hero stratosphere, which is a saving grace for Penn, who is too good of an actor for pointless non-stop gunfights, flexing his muscles and looking constipated.

Rachael West

★★★★★

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

bradwell windmill

ONE of the city's most distinctive landmarks will be open to the public again on selected days.

Bradwell Windmill, which featured on the first set of postcards and adverts for life in the new city, will be opening to give you the chance to see it milling live.

Opening times are the last Sunday of the month from March to October between 1.30pm and 4.30pm. It will also be open on Bank Holiday Monday (May 4) when the sports club next door has its fete.

kit'scalling

THE Bedford and Milton Keynes Jazz Festival presents one of the UK's most innovative and exciting young pianists at The Stables on Saturday.

Kit Downes (Mercury Music Award nominee 2010, BBC Jazz Award winner 2009, Troyka) is a London-based composer, pianist and organist.

His new-look Kit Downes Trio features long-term drummer James Maddren and Sam Lassersson on double bass.

Kit will also be playing in a different guise with Tricko, a relatively new group in which he is joined by cellist Lucy Railton. They will be performing music from their first EP and forthcoming album Tricko-Tareco.

The concert starts at 8.45pm, with tickets costing £17 available from www.stables.org

wintersceening

ENJOY a pop-up cinema night and relish the chance to see some great movies that may have bypassed the main cinema chains.

This week the Friday night film at The MK Gallery is Turkish movie Winter Sleep. Follow Aydin, a man who runs a small hotel in Anatolia with his wife and his sister, who has just gone through a divorce. In the winter as the snow falls heavily the hotel becomes a shelter but also an inescapable place. Winter Sleep will be shown at 7.30pm on Friday. Tickets cost £5 and can be bought by calling the gallery on 01908 676900.

feltworkshop

HAVE a go at making your own felt flowers in a workshop at Westbury Arts Centre.

Employing wet felting techniques, use the flowers that you will learn how to make in a variety of different ways, such as making brooches, hair decorations or decorating bags. The event takes place on Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Tickets cost £45. Email tutor Hilly Edwards at feltmaker@hillyedwards.com to book tickets.

By Sam Potter

Breakthrough relief for back pain and sciatica

IF YOU suffer from low back pain and sciatica, you are one of over 20 million adults in the UK with this often crippling spinal condition.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all symptoms of a pinched nerves often called "sciatica".

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Patient Jeff P. from Cambridge says, "My back pain was unbearable but the worst thing was the searing burning pain I felt in my buttock and leg.

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My advice, don't suffer a moment longer...

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The property, in brief, includes entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, kitchen/diner with doors to the patio area, lounge with balcony, master bedroom with en-suite, three further double bedrooms, family bathroom, integral garage, off-road parking for two/three vehicles and a rear patio leading to the canal basin and the mooring. The home has an EPC rating of D.

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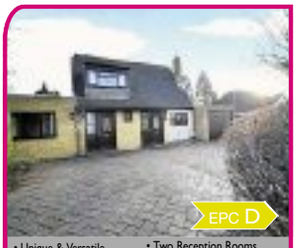

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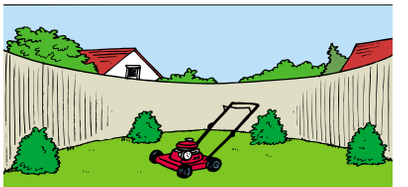

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SECTION 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

15/00469/FUL Erection of detached bungalow and outbuilding (resubmission of 14/01515/FUL) at Land South East of The Hollow Tree, 19 High Street, Stoke Goldington

15/00473/TCA Notification of intention to crown reduce 2 x Alder trees by approximately 3 metres at Abbots Cottage, 3 Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village

15/00478/FUL Two storey and single storey rear extension (Re-submission of 14/02896/FUL) at 1 Spring Lane, Clifton Reynes

15/00485/TCA Notification of intention to remove deadwood, cut back by 15% the lowest limb over the garage and cut the branches back from the driveway and the electric building of 1x mature Sycamore tree at 1 Water Lane, Sherington

15/00527/FUL Single storey rear extension at 131 High Street, Olney

15/00569/TCA Notification of intention to fell one Ash tree at Westcott House, Common Street, Ravenstone

SECTION 67 & 73 **LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

15/00260/LBC Listed building consent to carry out subsidence repairs at Stoneways, High Street, Weston Underwood

15/00506/LBC Listed building consent for installation of a wall-mounted domestic vehicle charging point at 16 Common Street, Ravenstone

15/00547/FUL Single storey side extension at Chapel House, High Street, Newport Pagnell

15/00553/LBC Listed building consent for a single storey side extension at Chapel House, High Street, Newport Pagnell

SECTION 67 & 73 **AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

15/00571/TCA Notification of intention to remove dead wood and prune 1 x Cedar tree at 107 High Street, Stony Stratford

SECTION 67 **LISTED BUILDING**

15/00333/LBC Listed building consent for change of use of existing buildings to rear of main house, currently used as offices, to 3 one bedroom apartments; 2 for rental use and one for owners use at 135 Buckingham Road, Bletchley

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15/00499/REM Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission 05/00291/MKPCO for approval of access, appearance, landscaping and layout for development parcels C1, B1, F, R, J, G, N and P (part) at Land Off Watling Street (V4) Western Expansion Area, Area 10.3 - Phase 3

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Skoda Fabia

Skoda ups the ante with its third-generation Fabia, introducing sharper, more assertive styling and clever tech that the company hopes will bring down the average age of its customers. With more space inside, increased scope for personalisation and better efficiency from its engines, the Fabia seems to be getting the basics spot on.

Power in the mainstream line-up comes courtesy of three and four-cylinder diesel and petrol engines, with outputs ranging between 59bhp to 108bhp. Dealers expect that around 90 per cent of sales will be petrol-powered, split between the1.2-litre four and 1.0-litre three-cylinder engines. The 1.2-litre unit is markedly quicker and more refined and Skoda has worked hard to endow the Fabia with a supple ride, decent body control and low-effort steering.

The MK2 Fabia model had a series of quite well-established design cues. It was narrowish with tall hips and, unless you bought the sportier variants, tended to look a bit under-wheeled. The latest car looks a good deal burlier, with pronounced wheel arch flares and a lot more shape built into the flanks. Skoda has claimed that this design is a new direction for them, encompassing 'more emotions', albeit not at the expense of practicality.

Drop inside and you'll find a cabin that's slightly longer and larger than in the previous model and at the same time provides the driver and passengers with increased headroom. Although the MK3 Fabia is 8mm shorter than its predecessor, its interior length has increased by around 8mm to 1,674mm. Elbow room is also greater at 1,401mm (21mm longer) at the front and 1,386mm (2mm longer) at the rear. The boot is the largest within the car's segment at 330-litres, which is 15-litres more than the previous model. With the rear seats folded down, loading capacity increases to up to 1,150-litres. The loading area is 960mm wide, which is 2cm wider than the previous car.

The Fabia has done very well for Skoda. Around 3.5 million cars have sold to date, split between 1.8 million first-generation Fabias and around 1.7 million second-generation cars. That's quite some success story given that the Fabia is not a vehicle of absolutes. It's not the cheapest, the most economical, the most stylish or the most fun to drive car in its class. Instead, it blends a mix of abilities and can probably be described as the car that offers the most quality for your pound in its sector.

Appealing to subtlety in this way has seen many good cars sink without a trace. The third generation Fabia takes a risk in deviating from the script, looking to secure a new tranche of younger buyers thanks to its sharper styling and cleverer tech. Will it succeed? We wouldn't bet against it.

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RUGBY UNION

Olney nearly cheat odds

OLNEY boss Dave Smith cited a combination of players not wanting to play, Six Nations rugby, and injuries, as the reasons why more than 50 registered players missed the side's 35-25 defeat to bottom of the league Dunstablians at the weekend.

Smith had to call on a number of young players from the club's other sides to make the step up into the senior side for the trip to Dunstablians.

Olney took a quick 15 point lead in the game but poor defensive work cost his side later on and Smith was not impressed.

He said: "Player commitment is not as strong as it has been in the past, some players would rather watch it on TV than pull a shirt on and play it."

The trip down the M1 to Dunstablians coincided with a full day's worth of Six Nations action on the BBC.

Jack Sutton, Steve Harrison Euan Walker and Kev Scales scored Olney's tries during the game, and Brandon Kerr with the boot gave Olney extra points.

Smith hopes to have a number of players back in his side as they take on Leicester Forrest at home this weekend and is pinning all his hopes on a change in his side's fortunes.

He said: "We are confident of the ability in our squad. When you are winning games those small margins go with you, but in all bar one game since Christmas we have had 10 minutes of madness that has cost us."

BADMINTON

Heavy defeat banishes team to rock bottom

MK BADMINTON captain Peter Mills has said they were always going to struggle to get anything against Team Derby following their 5-0 loss on Monday night.

The result leaves MK Badminton rooted to the bottom of the National Badminton League Table with seven points.

Mills said that Team Derby are full of talented players and that they were always in for a tough night of badminton.

He said: "The result is not ideal, we knew it was going to be really difficult.

"At the beginning of the season I would have predicted Team Derby to be near the top of the table and that any point against them would have been a good point."

Team Derby are full of famous names, including Milton Keynes-based Gail Emms and Ranjiv Ouseph, who have both been Team GB and England representatives at the Commonwealth games and Olympics.

Emms and her partner Martin Campbell beat Team MK's Jess Pugh and Ben Lane in the first game, and throughout the whole night Mills believes Team MK struggled.

He added: "They have really strong players. During the mixed doubles we had a small advantage and once we were 3-0 down it was a really difficult experience."

Heavy going: Peter Mills' Team MK were hit all over the place by Team Derby

The game was the first at Derby's new £23million arena, that had 800 fans packed in and was in front of the Sky TV cameras. Mills enjoyed the atmosphere, saying: "It was the opening of their new arena and it really felt like you were part of something. There were some rowdy supporters but it was really enjoyable and the home advantage really added pressure to the away team."

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SPORTSSHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell recorded a 4-1 win over Deeping Rangers on Saturday, with goals from Josh Crawley, Dominic Lawless and two from Scott Mulkern securing the win.

Olney lost 2-0 to Rothwell Corinthians. James Pacifici was sent off for Olney during the fixture.

Stony Stratford Town went down to a single goal in their away fixture with Bush Hill Rangers. Town will be hosting Baldock Town this weekend.

Old Bradwell claimed a 9-0 victory over rivals Wolverton Town. Old Bradwell are now seventh in the table, while Wolverton are 11th.

New Bradwell St Peter recorded a 3-0 win in their league game against Pitstone & Ivinghoe.

Shenley Brook End have won the County Cup after beating John Hampden 4-2 in the final at Stowe School in Buckingham. Goals from Jack Wolley, Morgan Emmett, Luke Archell and Mattie Richardson secured the win.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

IN the Alf Carter Cup at the weekend, Southcott Village beat Stacey Bushes 3-0, while Stanton Manor lost 2-1 to Swanfica.

In the Premier League Caz Bar recorded a 2-0 away victory to Olney Town.

Meanwhile, in Division One, Gregory Max and Stoke Hammond played out a four all draw. In Division Three, NHBC and Loughton drew 3-3 and Buckingham United overcame The Nags Head 3-2.

RUGBY UNION

Milton Keynes had their game called off this weekend and can look forward to another weekend off before playing Drifters on April 4.

Bletchley remain rooted to the bottom of the table after their game with Towcestrians was also cancelled. Trowbridge is next up for Bletchley on Saturday.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes men's side are hovering just above the drop zone in Premier Division One, after drawing 2-2 against Spencer, WITH Liam Foster scoring both goals.

Meanwhile the ladies side lost 3-0 away to Witney Ladies – the result leaves them sixth in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League, Division 3A.

NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

NORTHAMPTON Saints winger Ken Pisi has said his side will need 'a big support' when they face Saracens at stadiummk in April.

The Samoan also spoke about last year's Aviva Premiership final at stadiummk, and said: "It was an awesome experience to play there last time."

The game will be in conjunction with England Rugby 2015, and will be used as a venue testing programme ahead of the summer's competition.

FORMULA ONE

RED Bull return to competitive action this weekend in the Malaysian Grand Prix. Last year Red Bull came third in the race when Seb Vettel fell behind Mercedes duo Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg.

This year Mercedes team boss Toto Wolff has accused Red Bull Team Principal Christian Horner of 'moaning' after calling for engines to be equalised. Mr Wolff told the BBC that Horner and engine supplier Renault should "get their heads down and work hard and sort it out."

MK DONS

Dean can't wait to welcome Alli back

BY JACK ASH
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THE long-awaited return of injured Tottenham loanee Dele Alli has been heralded as a "massive boost" for the Dons by winger Dean Bowditch.

Alli has been out of action since the Dons' away clash with Colchester United on February 17.

Damage to his right ankle saw the midfield star miss seven games in more than a month.

The 18-year-old, who was snapped up by Spurs but loaned back to the Dons on deadline day in January, is thought to be match ready.

Benik Afobe, currently the second highest British goal scorer in England, behind Spurs forward Harry Kane, has also been missed at the Dons, said Bowditch.

The 22-year-old striker, who scored 19 goals for the Dons during his six months on loan, was sold by Arsenal to Wolves in January.

While the Dons have rallied without Afobe, the return of Alli will be a "massive boost" said Bowditch, after the Notts County 4-1 victory on Saturday.

He said: "We've missed Dele massively and I don't mind saying that.

"People like Benik we've also missed, but we've rallied and gone again without them, and now with Dele coming back that's going to be a massive boost for us."

Bowditch, who has struggled with injury problems himself this season, also said Chelsea loanee Lewis Barker "would have been dead" if he hadn't scored on Saturday.

The Luton-born midfielder scored an outrageously cheeky lob for the second goal against Notts County on Saturday.

Bowditch said it was a "great goal" and exactly the sort that fans loved seeing from their players.

He said: "He wouldn't be able to talk if he didn't put that ball in the back of the net.

"Did you see my reaction afterwards? I got the ball and I thought I would trot over to him and thought that if he hadn't have scored that he'd have been dead.

"His goal against Chesterfield earlier this month was also a screamer, and it would appear that Baker is creating a bit of a reputation for himself.

"He only scores good goals from the looks of it. His first goal was an absolute belter and [Saturday] he showed that bit of finesse to dink the goalie.

"He's a very good player and he's done well when needed."

Just last week Baker was called up to the England under 20 side by manager Aidy Boothroyd for fixtures against Mexico and USA on March 25 and 29.

UPWARDLY MOBILE: Dean Bowditch wins the battle for the ball during the weekend win against Notts County

Midfielder is ready for the fray

DONS boss Karl Robinson has revealed that Dele Alli is full of confidence ahead of his return to the side.

Alli returned to Tottenham for treatment on the ankle injury he picked up in the game against Colchester United in February, but is now back in training at MK1.

The England youth player's comeback coincides with Darren Potter's return to form, and Robinson can't wait to get the two playing again.

He said: "I was quite excited in the add-on sessions we did the other day in training, they came back into the group with lots of confidence and I think it is exciting. I have always said that once we get our strongest side out we are a challenge for anyone in the table.

"He (Alli) came back with a smile on his face and a bounce in his walk. He seemed full of confidence and excited by the fact that he has missed football for a long time and he wants to get back playing football for MK Dons and fulfilling that dream of getting us out of the league."

MK Dons midfielder DARREN POTTER writes exclusively for MK News

IT WAS good to record another win at the weekend against Notts County and start to get a bit of a run together as we enter the business end of the season.

We still have aspirations of making the top two in the league, but unfortunately, unlike at other stages of the season, we are dependent on other teams in the league as to where we finish.

I think Dean (Bowditch) was right after the game about Lewis (Baker) and his audacious lob; he would have had some questions to answer if it hadn't come off. But he has shown great quality after moving. I expected great things of him and that finish just shows his quality.

Dele Alli is on the comeback soon, and without doubt he has been a major player that we have missed over the last few weeks since his knock against Colchester. When he's back he'll be ready to fit straight back in again.

I was proud to hear Ben Reeves, Will Grigg and Lee Hodson have been called up to the Northern Ireland senior side, while Lewis Baker will be captaining the England under 20 side. To get into the sides after playing in League One must be one of the proudest moments of their careers.

This weekend we saw Gareth McAuley sent off in a case of mistaken identity with Craig Dawson in the West Brom vs Manchester City game, and I have to say I have never experienced anything like it in my own career.

We have been on the end of some strange decisions ourselves this year, but you have to deal with the hand you are dealt. As a country we do have some of the best referees in the world and it is important that we keep them coming through the system.

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3	Swindon	37	11	3	4	32	19	10	4	5	33	20	26	70
4	MK Dons	38	12	3	4	44	17	8	6	5	32	23	36	69
5	Sheffield Utd	37	8	5	5	25	18	8	5	6	26	25	8	58
6	Peterborough	38	9	3	7	22	21	8	2	9	24	25	0	56
7	Barnsley	38	10	3	6	34	25	6	4	9	17	25	1	55
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10	Fleetwood	38	7	8	4	21	20	7	2	10	18	23	-4	52
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15	Port Vale	38	8	3	8	27	25	6	3	10	20	28	-6	48
16	Walsall	37	5	7	7	20	24	6	6	6	16	17	-5	46
17	Scunthorpe	36	6	4	8	19	24	5	6	7	29	32	-8	43
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21	Crewe	38	8	4	7	19	25	4	2	13	16	43	-33	42
22	Leyton Orient	37	4	4	11	23	28	6	5	7	24	25	-6	39
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ICE HOCKEY

Caught short for play-offs

MK Lightning are set to play Guildford Flames in the play-offs after losing both their games on the final weekend of the season.

A 3-1 home defeat to Basingstoke Bison and a 4-1 loss away to Peterborough Phantoms left Nick Poole's men seventh in the nine team English Premier League.

The weekend saw head coach Nick Poole with no choice but to get his skates on and take to the ice, due to the side's shortfall in players.

Coach Poole said: "Over the whole weekend we were a bit short staffed, we've got around three or four players carrying knocks and we weren't sure whether they would get through the warm-up or not.

"It was a tough game and fitness wise I'm not at the level I want to be at."

This weekend's opponents Guildford Flames finished the season in second spot, and the two-legged quarter final promises to be tight with two teams having played each other six times this season.

Over that period, MK Lightning have won two of those games, including a loss on the first day of the season.

Poole said: "We know we can beat anyone, our form has been inconsistent, we will go into it as underdogs and they will be favourites, but we have a good chance.

"Our home form has been very good – we have won nine of our last 10 home games."

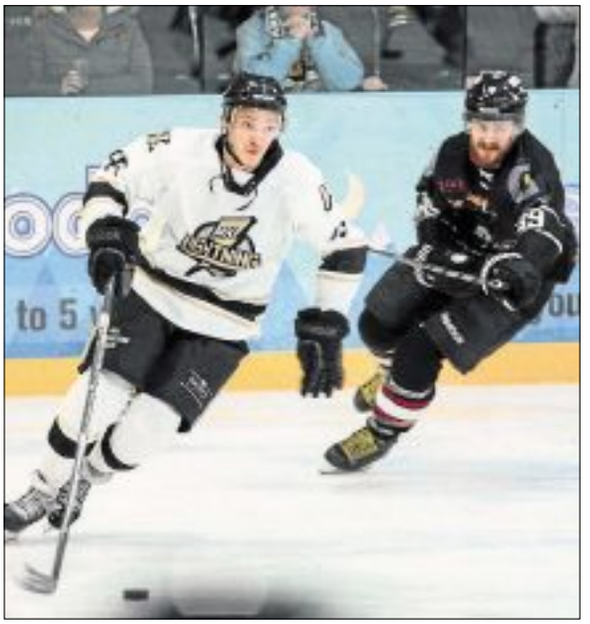
MK Lightning will start off at home this Saturday in the play-off game before travelling to Surrey on the Sunday.

Defenceman Petr Horava picked up an injury over the weekend and Poole says he will have to manage this week's training to get players through.

He said: "Horava is at the physio's throughout the week and we are just hoping that none of the other players pick up knocks throughout the week."

Poole also pointed out that he has been impressed with the support the club has received over the season and hopes that continues into the play-offs.

He said: "The fans have been fantastic this year and I'm pleased we have reached out to more fans through our schools development programme."



Bison bombardment: Basingstoke consigned Lightning to the playoffs

ATHLETICS

Eating up the miles

MILTON Keynes Athletics club runners put on a good show at the weekend.

Nadine Lewycky continued her good form as she prepares for the Paris marathon. In the Banbury 15 mile race, she was the first woman over the line in 17th with a personal best time of 94.42.

Other results from the same race were: Russell Jones, 71st(112.46), Neil Jones 74th(113.02), Kelvin Smith 86th,(116.16), Julie Jones, 97th and Maria Calleia, 106th(120.22).

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Lads will shine on big stage

Boss backs his players on international duty

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DONS boss Karl Robinson believes the jump between League One football and International football will not be 'alien' for his three Northern Ireland stars in tonight's friendly with Scotland.

Full-back Lee Hodson was called up into Michael O'Neill's Northern Ireland side on Monday alongside Will Grigg and Ben Reeves for their two games against Scotland and Finland this week.

The three call-ups now mean Saturday's game against Doncaster Rovers has been re-arranged for Tuesday, April 21, and Robinson wishes the players all the best.

He said: "I know one or two of the managers really well and let's just say I may have had a phone call seeing what might be happening and where they are physically.

"Hopefully they will all go away now and perform to the best of their ability, and I know they won't let themselves down or this football club down.

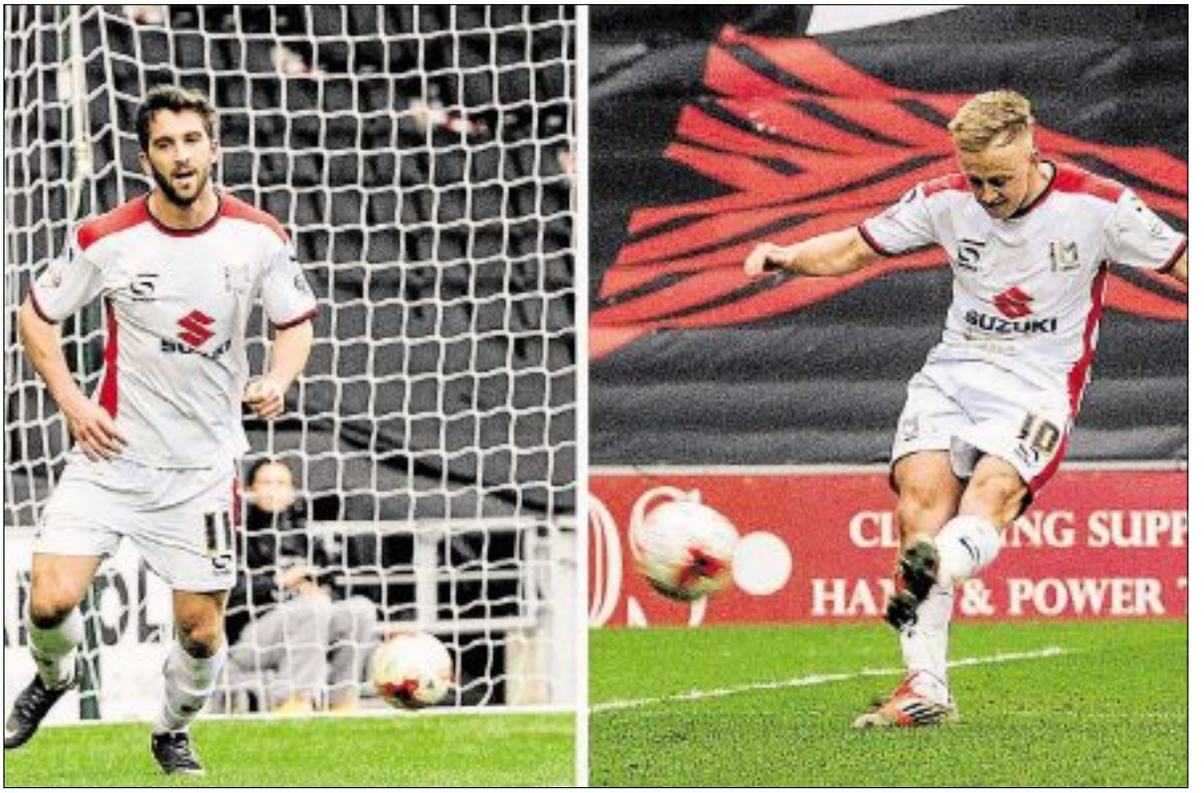
"I know they will try and do their best and it will be a really good week for them."

Will Grigg scored twice in Dons' victory against Notts County at the weekend, and Robinson hopes all three players can take their form onto the international stage.

He said: "We just want them to go on and express themselves and hopefully fit into international football.

"A lot of our players, through the way we play, will find it relatively easy to cope with continental football and ball retention, being patient in and out of possession and whether to press.

"It won't be anything alien to them going from League One football to international football because of the preparation we go through."



Duty calls: Will Grigg, left and Lee Hodson are ready to front up to Premier League talent for Northern Ireland's international against Scotland

Gordon Strachan's Scotland squad to play Northern Ireland is full of Premier League talent, including Everton's Steven Naismith and West Brom's Darren Fletcher, and Robinson hopes his players can deal with the atmosphere at Hampden Park.

He said: "I just hope they can deal with the nerves. It will be something they won't forget for the rest of their lives. It is a pitch and a stadium that has been graced by some of the world's greatest footballers, and hopefully we can have two of our players playing in that game.

"We are very fortunate and hopefully they will bring back that experience and that will add to our squad.

"We always want the best for all of our players and ultimately that will mean they will perform better for us when we ask them to put